



TERMS OF REFERENCE MAPPING OUR REGIONAL HERSTORY SHORT-TERM CONTRACT REMOTE

About Urgent Action Fund Asia and Pacific (UAF A&P)

Urgent Action Fund Asia & Pacific (UAF A&P) is a Rapid Response Fund that resources the resilience of women and non-binary human rights defenders in Asia and the Pacific and to further support this, we strive to strengthen and sustain feminist networks to ensure safety and care in these regions. We are the first rapid response fund led by and for women in the Asia and Pacific regions.

As a newly-established regional feminist fund, we have been experimenting with innovative grant-making and resource mobilisation practices to support frontline work by women and non-binary human rights defenders across these two vast regions. We are a young fund that is working on a set of core feminist principles of care to inform and advise our various functions.

We work across diverse cultural, ethnic, geographic, indigenous, and linguistic groups; therefore, we need our communication to be inclusive and easy for women and non-binary defenders and activists to follow, understand, and engage with. Engaging with activists with disabilities is part of our core mandate for inclusiveness.

Purpose of this project

This project aims to showcase UAF A&P's journey through the last three years as captured by the 'Reflective Review' concluded in September 2020. Rich conversations that occurred as part of the Reflective Review helped realise the founding ideas of UAF A&P, and how we have progressed to build a feminist ecosystem that encompasses – women and non-binary human rights defenders and activists, as well as their communities; advisors who are respected members and elders of communities, or affiliated to activists' and defenders' networks; and women's funds that support feminist rights-based work in the regions, as well as international and regional donors that support the work that funds like ours would like to further in the region.

We hope that this animated short film will familiarise activists and defenders across Asia and the Pacific with our (her)story, and the work we have accomplished in the last three years in supporting the resistance and resiliency of women and non-binary defenders, their communities and their movements.

Towards this purpose, we are seeking to engage with women and/or non-binary feminist filmmakers in Asia and the Pacific.



What we seek

The successful feminist filmmaker or collaboration needs to innovatively tell our story through an animated short. The film should cover our 'HerStory' – the story of our founding to the journey that we have traversed in three years as a feminist fund that supports women's and non-binary rights activism across two regions – Asia and the Pacific. We hope to be able to translate the story of our founding, and the key moments and learnings across our three years, through this film.

We are also hoping to overcome the barrier of English language-led communication by using a strong visual language that transcends the need for extensive voice-overs or translations into multiple languages. The commissioning language for the film, however, will be English.

We seek proposals from filmmakers or audio-visual storytelling collaboratives/groups from across Asia or the Pacific. Women, and non-binary film-makers will be prioritised. You must include:

1. A strong explanation of the feminist vision and values that guide you and your team, that resonate with our feminist principles and values
2. A cohesive idea or two for how we can narrate our 'HerStory' in a language that has resonance and can bridge the linguistic and cultural differences across Asia and the Pacific, including a note on disability access
3. A clear treatment document that explains the audio-visual storytelling method that the team is keen to work with, including an explanation of why it will be the most effective
4. A financial break-up and a project timeline, broken down into days or months required to finish the project

The ideal proposal will be brief, of no more than 1000-1500 words spread across all sections, and should include a showreel link or examples of previous work. Experience of collaborating with feminist organisations, especially women's funds or implementing organisations, will be an added advantage.

How to apply

As a fund committed to protecting the safety and confidentiality of the defenders and activists we work with, we actively encourage interested filmmakers or teams to create a [ProtonMail ID](#) and write to us at socialmedia@uafanp.org expressing their keenness to be involved in this project.

Our team will share the finalised narrative of 'HerStory', an articulation of our feminist values and organisational principles, to support the framing of the proposal.

Completed proposals and financial quotes should be sent on or before 10 January, 2021. We anticipate the shortlisting of teams for the interview process to happen during the week of 18 January, 2021, and begin the project shortly thereafter.